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CAIRO FOR TEXTILE NEGOTIATING TEAM

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 79667 ACTION BOGOTA
9 APRIL.

QUOTE

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LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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TAGS: ETRD, CO

SUBJECT: TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS: NEXT STEPS

REFS: BOGOTA 3090, 3091, 3092

FOR CHARGE WHITE

1. AFTER CAREFUL WASHINGTON REVIEW OF NEGOTIATION
BREAKDOWN, YOU AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE IMMEDIATELY TO GOC
(MINDEVEL RAMIREZ OCAMPO) FOLLOWING COURSE OF ACTION:
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(A.) THAT JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE THAT TALKS WILL BE RESUMED IN NEAR FUTURE AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED MUTUALLY.

(B.) THAT GOC STATISTICAL TEAM TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ASAP -- AS SUGGESTED BY GALEANO -- TO MEET WITH USDOC EXPERTS TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT DISCREPANCY IN MMF STATISTICS. MATERIAL THAT COLOMBIAN TEAM SHOULD PROVIDE BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

(C.) THAT AFTER LAPSE OF FEW DAYS, GOC CONSIDER ONCE AGAIN THE INITIALING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ALREADY NEGOTIATED SO PAINSTAKINGLY AND IN GOOD FAITH.

MINDEVEL SHOULD BE REMINDED ONCE AGAIN THAT PERCENTAGE INCREASES GRANTED BY U.S. ARE THE HIGHEST GRANTED TO ANY MAJOR EXPORTER OF TEXTILES TO THE U.S. YOU SHOULD ALSO UNDERSCORE THAT IT APPEARS TO US THAT PROBLEM REMAINS ONE OF DETERMINING THE ACCURATE STATISTICAL BASE UPON WHICH TO APPLY THE NEGOTIATED PERCENTAGES AND NOTHING MORE.

(D.) THAT SHOULD GOC HAVE PROBLEMS WITH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS IT IS NOW DRAFTED, OUR TWO NEGOTIATING TEAMS CAN MEET IN GENEVA DURING THE APRIL 22-24 TEXTILE MEETINGS TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. THE U.S. TEAM, INCLUDING INDUSTRY ADVISERS, WILL ARRIVE GENEVA APRIL 20 AND DEPART APRIL 25. (WE UNDERSTAND THAT COLOMBIAN INDUSTRY ADVISERS INTEND TO BE IN GENEVA FOR THIS MEETING.) MICHAEL SMITH'S PRESENT NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE PRECLUDES HIS TRAVEL TO BOGOTA FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS.

2. FYI. IF NO REAL PROGRESS IS MADE ON BILATERAL IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, U.S. WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE AND WILL TAKE ARTICLE III ACTION ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF COLOMBIAN TEXTILE EXPORTS BY APRIL 30. CATEGORIES ARE 120 -- WOOL SUITS -- AND 229 -- SPORT COATS. END FYI.

3. AMBASSADOR VAKY CONCURS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE
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